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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING - DONOR PLEDGES

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1. COMPARISION OF FINAL EDITED TRANSCRIPT PROCEEDINGS AID GROUP MEETING WITH REFTEL ON DONOR PLEDGES, REVEALS NUMBER OF DISCREPANCIES OR AMPLIFICATIONS WHICH WORTHY OF NOTE.

A. BELGIUM- ACCORDING TO TRANSCRIPT BELGAIN DELEGATE PLEDGED 1,325 TONS OF WHEAT COSTING FR. 11 MILLION, NOT 17,500 TONS AS REPORTED INDEPENDENTLY BY EEC REPRESENTATIVE. FR. 50 MILLION DEVELOPMENT LOAN IS FIRST TO BE GRANTED.

B. CANADA- OF TOTAL QUANTITY OF NEW FOOD AID CITED, $25 MILLION ALREADY COMMITTED FROM FY 74 FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO UN APPEALS- $13 MILLION IN WHEAT, $7 MILLIION IN OIL SEED. NOW ADDITIONAL $5 MILLION PLEDGED FROM FY 74 FUNDS FOR TOTAL OF $30 MILLION, NOT $35 MILLION AS GIVEN IN REFTEL.

C. DENMARK- LOAN TERM OF 35 YEARS IS ALSO IMPORVEMENT FROM PAST, WHEN TERM WAS 25 YEARS. IMPORVEMENT ALREADY REPORTED IN
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LENGTHENED GRACE PERIOD, TO 10 YEARS FROM 7 IN THE PAST.

D. ITALY- NO MENTION IS MADE IN REFTEL OF ITALY' S POSITION ON DEBT. ACCORDING TO TRANSCRIPT, IN THE MARCH 31 MEETING DELEGATE REFERRED TO " PRELIMINARY POINTS ARISING FROM RECENT EVENTS... WHICH SHOULD BE CLARIFIED... TO MUTUAL SATIS-FACTION" ( I. E., DEBT).

E. JAPAN- TERMS ON DEFERRED PAYMENT RICE NOT SPECIFIED. HOWEVER, ACCORDINGTTO TOKYO 1543, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE 30 YEARS, INCLUDING 10 YEARS GRACE AT 2 PERCENT DURING GRACE PERIOD, 3 PERCENT THEREAFTE
R.
390 MILLION YEN GRANT IS DESCRIBED Q " FINANCIAL" ASSISTANCE, NOT AGRICULTURAL, AS JAPANESE SECOND SECRETARY KANEKO HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMBOFF, CITING POSSIBLE AID IN THE TUBEWELL FIELD. 240 MILLION YEN GRANT ( VALUED IN TVANSCRIPT AT $.9 MILLION RATHER THAN $1 MILLION) IS LINKED TO " TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE," WHEREAS IN MEETING, JAPANESE DELEGATE CLEARLY MENTIONED SURVEY OF JAMUNA BRIDGE-( PROJECT JAPANESE ARE NOT AT ALL HAPPY TO HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED IN.

F. NORWAY- TOTAL GRANT FOR NONFOOD AID OVER FOUR YEARS SHOULD READ 185 MILLION KRONE, NOT 180.

G. SWEDEN- PLEDGE FOR NONFOOD AID FOR FY 74 WAS 75 MILLION KRONES

NOT 73. IT WILL COVER FOUR CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE: FINANCIAL, SECTOR, COMMODITY INCLUDING JOINT FINANCING WITH WORLD BANK, AND TA.

H. UK- UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF PROJECT AID IS TO BE " OF SEVERAL MIL-LION POUNDS STERLING."

2. DEPT REQUESTED TO DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER POSTS AS DONE WITH REFTEL.
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